

## CHAFFEE TELLS TALE OF MILLIONS CHINA SAVED

Mr. McKinley's Command Preserves Vast Treasure.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—If President McKinley had not forbidden it, Gen. Adna R. Chaffee admitted last evening, in an address at the Hamilton Club, in Brooklyn, where he was the guest of honor at a dinner in commemoration of the birthday of Alexander Hamilton, he would have seized a treasure worth \$80,000,000 when he was in command of the American troops in China.

He knew exactly the location of this treasure in the Forbidden City, and had planned to take possession of it, he said, when the President vetoed the proposition. It was his intention to hold out any amount that might be settled upon as a proper indemnity, and return the remainder to the Chinese government.

"We and the Japanese had the honor of guarding the gate to the Forbidden City," said General Chaffee, "and have had to endure the mortification of being charged with having allowed a great amount of looting; but it is a fact that the Forbidden City was not looted to the amount of \$500.

"Within those walls, however, was the greatest treasure in the Chinese Empire, including the jewels of the Empress Dowager. So great was its volume that it required a hundred Chinese soldiers twenty days to transport it from the winter palace to the house where it was secreted. This was done by night, the soldiers taking roundabout and little used streets to reach their destination, and if it had not been for the enterprise of an American, whom I will not name, and for the venality and greed of the Chinese soldier in command of the proceeding, the secret might never have become known.

"As it was, I was fully informed as to all the particulars. I even had a map of the Forbidden City, with the location of the house, where the treasure was concealed plainly marked on it, and at a moment's notice I could have seized the entire amount, had not my hands been tied."

Regarding the dispute between the American and German troops, as to which should have the post at the south gate, he said it was finally settled by a compromise, he declaring he was willing the position should be shared between them provided the gate to the Forbidden City was locked, and giving the Germans the key he would guard the lock.

St. Clair McKelway delivered an address of welcome, in which he eloquently pictured General Chaffee's career from a private soldier to major general in the army.

## WAYS STATESMEN HAVE FOR GETTING TO THE CAPITAL

Steam, Electricity, and Even Skies Used.

Chewing a half-smoked cigar, his hat pulled down over his eyes, and his hands jammed in his overcoat pockets, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the Speaker of the next House, can be found any morning riding to the Capitol on the tail-end of a cable car.

He never rides inside and will discuss politics, farming, crops, appropriations, or anything else with anyone who will brave the icy winds and stay out there with him.

Statesmen have peculiar ways of getting to and from their work at the Capitol. Every imaginable way is resorted to and in many instances becomes a characteristic so well known that they are frequently waylaid by office-seekers and others seeking favors.

Until the coming of the automobile the Norwegian skis of Representative Eddy were regarded as the most unusual. On one cold morning this descendant of the Norsemen went to the Capitol with skis on his feet and a long staff in his hand.

Representative Cannon's early morning ride to the Capitol is an event. His colleagues waiting special favors from the Committee on Appropriations, of which he is the chairman, wait and, catching him alone on the car, talk matters over quietly with him. Generally they get what they want, as "Uncle Joe" is usually in a cheerful frame of mind before the harassments of a legislative day have begun.

Speaker Henderson, who, before he became Speaker, was known to his colleagues as a "good fellow," rides to the House wing in solitary grandeur in his own carriage. Occasionally he has a companion, but generally he is alone. He leaves the Capitol in the same way.

Senator W. A. Clark of Montana and Representative Sibley go to work each day in whirling, whizzing automobiles costing many thousands of dollars. Their chauffeurs pay little or no heed to speed regulations, and go about as rapidly as they wish. If Senator Clark does not ride up in his big red automobile, he drives up in what is technically known here as a "night liner." This is a ramshackle old cab, which, because of its appearance, stands in some secluded spot. Senator Clark seldom walks in the morning, but at night he frequently wanders about the streets alone.

The Southerners, a majority of whom live in the downtown hotels, walk to the Capitol each morning. They do not keep

carriages, and as one of the oldest statesmen of the South once said:

"I'm afraid of them kays."

Generally they leave the Metropolitan and National Hotels about the same hour and start out walking in single file, gradually getting together as they approach the Capitol. Sometimes a party of ten or twelve members file solemnly into a saloon on Pennsylvania Avenue on the way to the Capitol, as solemnly take a drink, and then all walk out in the same formation as that in which they entered.

The Western men, more energetic and accustomed to early rising, go to the Capitol in every conceivable manner. They get up early, make trips about the various Government departments, looking for something of interest to their constituents, and then drop up to the Capitol much as though they were going to their offices.

Senators Hanna, Depew, Spooner, and Platt of Connecticut frequently get on the same street car and ride up. Both Senators Hanna and Depew have had unfortunate experiences with street car conductors because of getting aboard without money enough to pay fare.

But no matter how the statesmen get to the Capitol all leave in the afternoon and walk to their homes and hotels. When the gavel falls for the adjournment they leave in groups of two and three and go swinging up Pennsylvania Avenue. These afternoon walks cause some strange companions. Republicans and Democrats who perhaps have been antagonizing each other all day walk together chatting about anything except politics.

The late Speaker Reed used to head the delegation up the Avenue. Because of his long stride he quickly passed those who had a start of him and only a few members could keep pace with him.

The procession is now led by Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs, and the Western contingent. Following them come the New Englanders and the members from the Middle West. Bringing up the rear are always to be found the Southerners. They stop and look in the windows and apparently thoroughly enjoy their stroll.

Even the Justices of the United States Supreme Court join in the parade of statesmen. Unlike the Senators and Representatives, the Associate Justices invariably walk up the south side of the avenue. In this way they are not jostled by pedestrians, but many a dignified Associate Justice has had to skip nimbly out of the way of a teamster rolling down a skid a barrel of kerosene or potatoes.

## HISTORICAL SCIENCES CONGRESS TO MEET

Americans Interested in Coming Event at Rome.

Secretary Hay has recently received a letter from Signor Edmond Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, saying that the International Congress of Historical Sciences will be held in Rome from the 24 to the 30th of next April, and asking that he bring the matter to the attention of interested institutions and circles. Secretary Hay has informed Signor Mayor of his own interest in the matter, and writes that he will do all in his power to interest others.

On inquiry at the Italian embassy, it was learned that this congress will be one of the most important functions of the year at Rome. The fact that his majesty the King will act as high patron insures the success of the project.

The chairman of the executive committee is Senator Pasquale Villari, president of the Royal Academy of Science, the most noteworthy academy of Italy.

Among others on the committee are Senator Graziadio Ascoli, the great philologist; Senator D. Compagnotti, Prof. A. Ancora, Paolo Basselli, M. P.; Guido Mazzoni, and others. The secretary of the congress is Comm. Giacomo Gori, chief of the archives of the foreign office, as representative of the minister of public instruction.

The subjects which the congress will discuss are ancient and modern history, history of literature, of arts, of laws, of geography, of philosophy, of religion, and numerous other subjects.

The official language of the congress will be Italian, but with the permission of the president others may be used.

## CRAMPS' PLANS FOR BATTLESHIPS APPROVED

Contracts Will Probably Be Let to Firm for New War Vessels.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board on Construction, of the navy, Secretary Moody will probably within the next few days authorize the letting of the contracts for the construction of the new battleships Washington and Tennessee to William Cramp & Sons, their bids being the lowest. In its report the board says:

"The lowest bid is that of the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, of Philadelphia, in which they offer to build two vessels at \$4,000,000, and complete one in thirty-six months and one in thirty-nine months. This bid is under class 2, namely, it modifies the Government plans and specifications to the extent of substituting the arrangement of the machinery of the armored cruisers Colorado and Pennsylvania, of the same power, but of different arrangement from that specified for the Tennessee and Washington. It substitutes the Niclausse boiler, arranged in six firerooms, for the Babcock & Wilcox boiler, arranged in eight firerooms, as shown in the Government plans. The changes in engines and boilers involve changes in locations of bulkheads in hold and of spaces on the berth deck, which are objectionable. It also offers for the electric plant the Turbo-alternating generators and system, but agrees to substitute therefor the reciprocating, direct-current generators and system specified by the Government for the additional sum of \$35,000.

"While there are certain features in

the plans above referred to which are not considered as satisfactory in all respects as those prescribed in the department's plans, they are matters which permit of satisfactory adjustment, and, under these circumstances, the bid of Messrs. Cramp & Sons, above quoted, offers the construction of the vessels at the lowest cost and in the shortest time. The board therefore recommends the acceptance of this bid for both vessels, with the electric generating plant and system as specified in the Government plans and specifications, at \$4,035,000 each. Acting under the advice of the engineer-in-chief, the board is of the opinion that boilers of the Babcock & Wilcox type should be required.

"With regard to that part of the department's endorsement calling the attention of the board to that provision of the act of authorization with respect to combinations intended to deprive the Government of fair, open, and unrestricted competition in letting contracts for the construction of the vessels herein referred to, the board has no reason to suppose that the bidding on these vessels has been in any way influenced by any such combination intended or calculated to deprive the Government of fair, open, and unrestricted competition."

The report is unanimous. The Cramp Company has agreed to substitute Babcock & Wilcox boilers for Niclausse boilers, and that removes any doubt of that company getting the contract.

## WANTED—OLD PIANOS

A Washington Piano Firm That is Very Anxious to Secure Old Square Pianos.

Owners of Old Pianos Liberally Remunerated for Apparently Useless Instruments.

There are lots of people who wish to get rid of their old square pianos, but it is somewhat of a novelty to find a piano firm that is actually anxious to secure them. The Bradbury Piano Co., of 1225 Pennsylvania Avenue, has its agents out all over Washington looking for second-hand square pianos, for which they will make a most liberal allowance. If you have a piano, either an upright or square, which has outworn its usefulness, simply communicate with this firm, and one of their agents will call, appraise the value of your instrument and give you a due bill in exchange for it equivalent to cash in the purchase of a new upright piano, moving the old piano to the Bradbury Warehouse free of charge. You will perhaps wonder how this firm will do with the old pianos. They can put them to good use. After having them thoroughly overhauled at the Bradbury factory in New York they are shipped to the small country towns, where they are in great demand and bring good prices. This explains why they can give such liberal remuneration for pianos that are practically of no value to their owners.

Those who desire a new upright piano at a bargain price should not fail to visit the stock-taking sale of the Bradbury Company, at which splendid pianos are being sacrificed as low as \$100, \$150, \$225—all of which are worth at least \$300 or \$400.

## JOYCE "CUTS."

How can you expect the printer to give best results in printing your booklet or catalogue if you furnish him with poor cuts? Let us furnish the cuts and your booklet will be a "work of art."

Joyce Engraving Co., Star Building.

CONGRESSIONAL COFFEE, 35c lb  
GREAT & PACIFIC  
ATLANTIC TEA CO.,  
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The store that saves you money



## THE HUB Furniture Company Clean Sweep Sale.

JANUARY CLEAN SWEEP SALE

We Purpose Making This Month Memorable in the History of This Business in

Furniture and Carpet Selling.

There are many sales. There are stores that are always having a sale of some kind. This sale implies something more than a mere announcement. It means that we have the stock—we need room for spring goods, and consequently we must sacrifice it. You are the gainer. These sales, held semi-annually, will be a feature of this business, as we prefer to make a sacrifice than carry stock over from season to season. Prices give you but a slight idea of values to be had here.

### Carpet and Rugs.

600 yards Fancy Mattings...14c yard  
Ingrain Carpet...25c yard  
Brussels Carpet...35c yard  
Sultana Cottage Carpet...30c  
9x12 fine Wool Smyrna Rugs...\$22.50  
6x9 Jap Rugs...\$7.50  
9x12 Fine Carpet Rug...\$14.50  
2x5 Smyrna Rug...\$1.25  
Brussels Carpet...60c

### Parlor Suites.

\$7.50 for 3-piece Parlor Suite worth \$12.00.  
\$12.50 for silk damask-covered 3-piece Parlor Suite worth \$16.50.  
\$26.50 for 5-piece silk damask tufted-back Suite worth \$35.00.

### Rockers.

89c for large Arm Rocker worth \$1.50.  
\$1.25 for Rattan Rocker worth \$2.50.  
\$1.48 for Leather Seat Rocker worth \$3.00.

### Sideboards.

\$10.75 for Golden Oak Sideboard worth \$15.00.  
\$15.50 for fine swelled front Oak Sideboard worth \$22.50.  
\$26.50 for highly polished Quartered Oak Sideboard worth \$40.00.

### Hall Racks.

\$8.75 for Golden Oak Hall Rack worth \$12.50.  
\$12.50 for large Oak Hall Rack worth \$18.00.  
\$21.50 for massive Oak Hall Rack worth \$30.00.

### Metal Beds.

\$2.95 for Brass-trimmed Enamel Bed worth \$4.50.  
\$3.95 for White Enameled Bed worth \$6.00.  
\$4.50 for fine Brass-trimmed Enameled Bed worth \$7.00.

### Dressing Cases.

\$8.75 for fine shaped front Dressing Case worth \$12.00.  
\$12.50 for large swelled front Dressing Case worth \$18.00.

### Tabourettes.

29c for Polished Oak Tabourette worth 50c.  
79c for Quartered Oak Tabourette worth \$1.25.

### Couches.

\$3.75 for Velour Covered Couch worth \$5.50.  
\$6.95 for fine Tufted Velour Couch worth \$10.00.  
\$10.50 for very large Velour Covered Couch worth \$15.00.

### Crockery and Lamps.

\$1.98 for Decorated Toilet Set worth \$3.00.  
\$4.50 for 12-piece Toilet Set with Jar worth \$7.00.  
\$1.48 for Decorated Parlor Lamp worth \$3.00.

### Morris Chairs.

\$4.50 for fine Oak Morris Chair, with No. 1 velour cushion, worth \$7.50.  
\$6.75 for massive Oak Morris Chair worth \$9.50.

### Bedroom Suites.

\$22.50 for swelled front Oak Suite worth \$30.00.  
\$33.50 for Quartered Oak Bedroom Suite worth \$45.00.  
\$45.00 for massive Polished Oak Suite worth \$60.00.

### Stoves.

Stoves and Ranges for cooking and heating purposes of every kind.  
Large 5-hole Range...\$12.50  
Good Oil Heating Stove...\$3.50

### Parlor Tables.

79c for 24-inch top Parlor Table worth \$1.50.  
\$1.25 for Quartered Oak Parlor Table worth \$2.00.

Special Attention Paid to Mail Orders.

## SAKS AND COMPANY, LEADERS SINCE 1867.

## The Suit Sale Continues.



The object is known. The method is understood and approved. Therefore the offerings are accepted with enthusiasm.

Proving the assertion that this January's clearance efforts are of especial magnitude is the response that is following. But Saks-Clothing superiority has been universally accorded and generally recognized. There's no educating to be done. Two dollars' worth for one isn't a proposition to be ignored. So we are busy—as entertainingly busy as though it was profitable selling—for we are deeply interested in clearing the counters of the present season's stock.

It is a representative assortment that is offered at the reductions in price. Some of the most popular effects are included: some of the finest values—in variety, in sizes and in styles that completely embrace the range of demand. 'Tisn't an odd and end sale—but of full lots and nearly full lots, of Suits that are wearable up to the time you'll change the heavy for the light weights.

**\$8.75 Embraces the Values Up to \$15.00.**

**\$14.75 Embraces the Values Up to and including \$27.50.**

Monday ought to be the biggest day yet of the sale—for there's a small army of benefitters—Friday and Saturday's purchasers—adding their praise to our guarantee. Nothing weighs like the experience of your neighbor.

SAKS AND COMPANY, Pennsylvania Ave. and Seventh St.

You Can Have Your Purchases Charged During Sale if You Prefer.

**HUB FURNITURE CO.,**  
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